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City Council divvies funds to mental health, garden

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MADISON – Representatives from local organizations accepted their annual appropriations from Madison City Council at its meeting on Feb. 22.

Brian Davis, CEO of Wellstone Behavioral Center (formerly Madison County Mental Health Center) received \$20,000. Dr. Lawrence Robey with Madison County Health Department accepted \$20,000. Kathy Gilder with Huntsville Botanical Garden received \$15,000.

Council approved payment to Volkert & Associates for \$33,500 for professional design services on natatorium and recreation campus off Celtic Drive. Toccoa Erosion Control received \$13,000 for hydro-seeding slopes and swales (low land area) at Pines Detention Pond.

Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon Inc. received \$14,366 for professional services related to Garner Street Extension and drainage improvements and \$75,971.05 for engineering site work for multiple-use recreation facility.

Council paid \$32,849.53 to Littlejohn, an S&ME Company, for work on Phase II construction on County Line Road. Holzheimer Bolek & Meehan was paid \$4,407.85 for architectural and engineering services for Madison Public Library.

A contract with Coleman Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc. will pay \$26,375 per month for right-of-way mowing.

Councilman D.J. Klein announced a meeting at Main Street Cafe on Feb. 23 for public 'inspection' of plans for Phase 3 of downtown renovation.

In rezoning, Madison Commons LLC's property on Hughes Road (north of Bradford Farms Drive and south of Roema Drive) was changed from planned unit development to community business district.

Owned by Mary Margaret Long, Sharon Carmichael and Darrell Carmichael, property east of Hughes Road, north of Portal Lane and south of Carter Drive was changed from neighborhood business district to community business district.

Resolution No. 2016-40-R authorized the engineering department to submit a grant application to Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a roundabout at the intersection of Balch and Gillespie roads. ALDOT would pay 100 percent with no matching funds required from the city.

Mayor Troy Trulock designated the week of Feb. 22-28 as Arbor Week 2016.

Trulock presented certificates to Jenna Velez, Columbia Elementary School; Sachi M. Ranachandran, Heritage Elementary School; Luke Mitchell, Madison Elementary School; and Audrey Groger, St. John the Baptist Catholic School. They submitted winning entries for the Arbor Week Fifth-Grade Poster Contest, sponsored by Madison Beautification and Tree Board.

Veda Smith donated \$100 to Madison Fire and Rescue Department.